

**Notice of Allowability**

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 09062007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

  
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***Allowable Subject Matter***

The rejections have been overcome by the amendment and remarks and that the pending claims 1-20 are in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-20 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The primary reason for the allow of claims 1-20 are:

The above-mentioned claims are patentable because no pertinent prior art could be found which discloses the current limitations of Allowable Subject, the independence 1 amended recite a method for providing privacy to a client accessing a chat application on a chat server, comprising the steps of: transmitting a request for the chat application from the client to a first proxy server; transmitting the request for the chat application from the first proxy server to a second proxy server; providing a unique ID to the first proxy server from the second proxy server responsive to the request; transmitting the request for the chat application and the unique ID from the second proxy server to the chat server; transmitting a response and the unique ID from the chat server to the second proxy server responsive to the request; storing the response at the second proxy server with the unique ID; and accessing the stored response from the first proxy server by providing the unique ID. The invention overcomes the many circumstances in which a user may not want, for example, a chat application service provider to be able to position the user and provide the user with unwanted information and/or advertising based upon the user's current position. Many users desire a degree of privacy with respect to their positioning and would like to keep this information from the chat service provider. The invention discloses a method wherein a client transmits a request for a chat application to a first proxy server. The request, encrypted by the public key of a second proxy server and a public key of a chat server, is then transmitted from the first proxy server to the second proxy server. In response to receipt of the request at the second proxy server, a unique ID is transmitted back to the first proxy server, and the request is transmitted to the chat server along with the same unique ID. The transmission from the second proxy server to the chat server is encrypted using only the

public key of the chat server. A response, including the unique ID, and encrypted using the private key of the second proxy server and the private key of the first proxy server is transmitted from the chat server back to the second proxy server. The response is stored at the second proxy server along with the unique ID. The response is accessed by the provision of the unique ID from the first proxy server.

For these reasons, the rejections of remaining dependent claims 2-20 are also withdrawn.

### *Conclusion*

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mitra Kianersi whose telephone number is (571) 272-3915. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00AM-4:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jason Cordone can be reached on (571) 272-3933. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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